Designing of an agricultural machine called "Pusa Reaper"

2467. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agricultural machine called "Pusa Reaper" was designed by a Senior Scientist of the Indian Agriculture Research Institute, Delhi, Shri Shyam Kumar in 1970 and for which he was honoured with a national award;

(b) whether the said Pusa Reaper has been accorded official recognition|clearance;

(c) whether the above scientist has been asked to proceed on long leave after serving him a show cause notice;

(d) whether a conspiracy is being hatched to oust the scientist from the ICAR by declaring him of an unsound mind; and

(e) if so, what are the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that an agricultural machine called "Pusa Reaper" was designed (not invented) by Shri S. K. Khanna in 1970. The machine was only a prototype. It is also a fact that the Invention Promotion Council gave him an award for having designed this prototype.

(b) No, Sir. The only recognition which this prototype got was the above mentioned award as till now the machine has not crossed the prototype stage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Affairs of the ICAR

2468. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) scientists during last three years for wrongful removal on the basis of false and fabricated documents and if so details thereof and corrective action taken against forgers and fabricators and amends made to the wronged scientists;

(b) whether the case of one scientist removed on the triumped up charged of over-stay abroad has been pending for a long time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir, no such complaints have been received from Indian Council of Agricultural Research scientists who have been awarded the penalty of 'Removal from Service'.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, the Departmental inquiry proceedings against one ICAR Scientist for overstayal abroad is pending and the inquiry is being expedited. The charge is not a trumped up one.

Industrial Chemical Plants at Trombay

2469. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what are the reasons for which industrial chemical plants as set up in Trombay unit of Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizer Ltd., have not been either planned or set up in Barauni Fertilizer Factory of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.?